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SUBJECT: PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE: SEPTEMBER 8
MEETING ON DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION AND OTHER ISSUES

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1. DELOFFS OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE (OOC) MEMBERS HAD
GENERAL OPENING DISCUSSION OF AUSTRAIN DRAFT OMNIBUS
OUTER SPACE RESOLUTION FOR 33RD UNGA ON SEPTEMBER 8 IN
AUSTRIAN MISSION. QUESTION WHETHER OSC ENLARGEMENT
(PARA 81 OF OSC REPORT) SHOULD BE ADDRESSED
SPECIFICALLY IN A SEPARATE RESOLUTION OR AMPLIFIED IN
OMNIBUS RES WAS RAISED BY SWEDEN AND CANADA BUT NOT
DISCUSSED. SOVIET REP ENTERED RESERVATION ON ARTICLES
IN DRAFT RES DEALING WITH NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES. AUST-
RIAN CHAIRMAN PROMISED NEW DRAFT TEXT REFLECTING COMMENTS
FOR A SECOND PRELIMINARY MEETING ON RES ON SEPTEMBER 18.

2. SCHEDULING OF OUTER SPACE MEETINGS -- SEVERAL REPS
LAMENTED UNGA SSOD DECISION TO RESTRICT COMMITTEE I WORK
TO DISARMAMENT AND RELATED TOPICS, BUT THERE WAS NO
MOVE TO REOPEN THE QUESTION. CHAIRMAN SAID SPECIAL
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WORK ON
OUTER SPACE ITEMS ON OCTOBER 12, BUT CONFLICT WITH
OCTOBER 9-13 UNDC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS CAUSES
DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME DELEGATIONS; HE WILL SEEK
RESCHEDULING OF SPC OUTER SPACE DEBATE TO BEGIN
OCTOBER 16. AUSTRALIAN REP CIRCULATED OUTLINE WORK
PROGRAM FOR SCI/TECH SUBCTE MEETINGS BEGINNING 5

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3. US COMMENTS -- DRAWING ON REFTEL, US REP ASKED THAT "A FOCAL POINT" IN THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA BE CHANGED TO "AN IMPORTANT FOCAL POINT". OTHER DELS SUPPORTED BY CHAIRMAN ASKED US TO RECONSIDER, SINCE LANGUAGE HAD BEEN FOUGHT OVER SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND FINALLY RESOLVED AS "A FOCAL POINT", A COMPROMISE WHICH HAS HELD IN RESES SINCE THEN UP THROUGH LAST YEAR. U.S. REP SAID THAT EITHER SUBSTITUTION OF "ENDORSES" FOR "TAKES NOTE OF" AT BEGINNING OF OP PARA FIVE, OR TRANSFORMATION OF PARA FIVE TO A NEW SUBPARA (C) OF PARA FOUR TO READ MERELY "INCLUDE IN ITS AGENDA AN ITEM ENTITLED 'OTHER MATTERS'" WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. SOVIETS PREFERRED FIRST ALTERNATIVE, AUSTRALIANS AND OTHERS THE SECOND. ON PARA 16, BELGIAN DELOFF ASKED WHY IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO SOVIET/POLISH SPACE ACHIEVEMENTS WHEN THESE WERE MENTIONED IN BASIC REPORTS TO UNGA. FRG, US AND SWEDISH REPS MADE SIMILAR POINTS. USSR DEFENDED TEXT, BUT CHAIRMAN DEFERRED FURTHER DISCUSSION UNTIL POLISH REP COULD BE PRESENT, SINCE LATTER HAD PROPOSED TEXT IN DRAFT AND ALREADY PLANNED TO AMEND IT.

4. OTHER COMMENTS -- PHILLIPINE REP ASKED THAT WORK OF WMO BE MENTIONED IN DRAFT, AND WAS ASKED TO SUBMIT A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSED ADDITION. IN OP PARA TWO, SOVIET REP REQUESTED INSERTION AFTER THE WORD "STATES" OF THE PHRASE "PARTICULARLY THOSE PARTICIPATING IN OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES". FRG, CANADA, AND CHAIRMAN SAID CONVENTIONS NAMED IN THE ARTICLE WERE OPEN TO NON-PARTICIPANTS AS WELL, AND THEY OPPOSED CHANGE. SWEDEN PROPOSED NEW SUBPARA 6(E) TO READ "DISCUSSED QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN OUTER SPACE", BUT THIS WAS OPPOSED BY HUNGARY AND THE USSR AS INCONSISTENT WITH "NOTES WITH SATISFACTION" AT BEGINNING OF PARA AND IN ANY EVENT SUPERFLOUS IN VIEW OF PARAS 8 AND 9 (ON WHICH SOVIET REP THEN PROCEEDED TO ENTER A GE RESERVATION). THE WORD "APPROPRIATE" WAS DROPPED BY CONSENSUS AT CANADIAN REQUEST FROM PARA 8, AND PARA 11 WAS DROPPED BY GENERAL AGREEMENT AS UNNECESSARY IN LIGHT OF THE PRECEDING PARA. SEVERAL REPS ALSO SUGGESTED REORDERING OF PARAS, WHICH WILL BE DONE IN NEXT DRAFT. YOUNG

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